

DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2014

Community Outreach Building

Meeting started at 7:00 with Board President Jim Cox presiding and Rich Joslin led us in the pledge of allegiance.

Board members: President Jim Cox, Vice-President Tim Timmer, Secretary Steven Kreitzer and Treasurer John Davis were present.

Employees: Superintendent Tammy Anderson, and Steven Kreitzer were present

Guest: DeKalb County Board President Mark Pietrowski, Jr. and DeKalb County Board Vice President Tracey Jones

Meeting Minutes:

Mike Boorsma made the motion that the November minutes should be approved and it was seconded by Donald Jones. Roll call vote was taken and motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report:

John Davis stated that the balance was \$4,356. Frank Beierlotzer asked if any all the veterans' organizations had paid their dues and John Davis replied no only 11 of the 16 organizations had paid their dues. Mike Boorsma made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report and it was seconded by Donald Jones. Motion passed unanimously

Public Comment:

Mark Pietrowski, Jr. stated that he and Tracey Jones were there to see how the meeting was run and to offer any support that they could. He stated that if there is anything that the County could do to help to let him know and he would see if they could make it happen.

For the Good of the Commission

Superintendents Report:

Tammy Anderson reported that last month, the Commission helped 29 with shelter, and 37 with utilities. There were 24 veterans transported in 20 trips to VA Hospitals. The Commission helped veterans collect \$7,879.89 in monthly benefits and \$41,401.66 in retroactive benefits. The monthly bills totaled \$31,778.14 and Jim Cox asked if there was a motion to pay the bills. Mike Boorsma made the motion to accept the superintendent's report and pay the bills and Donald Jones seconded. Mike Boorsma then asked if we were running ok financially or if we were going to run over on the budget. Tammy Anderson responded that we are already over budget on the veterans' assistance and there is a good chance that we will go over budget this year. A roll call vote was taken and motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Jim Cox reported on what transpired at the Executive meeting. He stated that the veterans' assistance program had been revamped so that the commission could remain within the budget next year and landlords would have to fill out W-9's now in order to receive the assistance.

Jim Cox also reported that the employees would be getting a 2% raise just like the rest of the county got.

Old Business

None

New Business

Donations – Tammy Anderson stated that the office had received cash donations from the community to give out to needy veterans. She stated that she is going to give the money to John Davis (Treasurer) so that he can write individual checks to the veterans. Tammy Anderson wanted to do it this way so that there is a paper trail as to the donations coming in and going out. Frank Beierlotzer asked that this was additional funds to what John Davis had reported earlier. Tammy Anderson responded that yes it would be additional funds and none of the board's money was going to be used.

Ornaments – Luz Gilkey talked about Malta Elementary school had made ornaments for our tree again and Tammy Anderson and her went to pick them up. It was an amazing experience once again to see the kids' faces as they gave out the ornaments to them. George Murphy stated that they work with the elementary schools in Sandwich to do a similar thing in Sandwich. On Veterans Day the kids bring in pictures of their family members that were in the service and place their pictures in the country/state they served in.

George Murphy and Stefan Skopek also brought up that they would like to see the location change for the Mobil Medical Unit that comes to Sandwich each month. Luz Gilkey explained that it was there because of the large parking lot for the large vehicles and also the access to the building in inclement weather. Everyone stated that they understood and if they could think of a suitable alternate location they would let the office know.

Nominations for elections received last month were reiterated as voting sheets were passed out

One year election nominations

President – Jim Cox was nominated by Frank Beierlotzer

Vice President – Mike Boorsma was nominated by Donald Jones

Secretary – Steven Kreitzer was nominated by Frank Beierlotzer

Treasurer – John Davis was nominated by Mike Boorsma

Two year alternating election nominations

Director 1– Bob Bend was nominated by Jim Cox

Donald Jones was nominated by Mike Boorsma

Director 2 – Randy Smith is not up for election as he was elected to a 2 year term and will be up for election next year.

New nominations were then called for.

President – No new nominations and nomination period was closed

Vice President – Donald Anderson was nominated by Donald Jones

No further nominations were given and nomination period was closed

Secretary – No new nominations and nomination period was closed

Treasurer – No new nominations and nomination period was closed

Director - No new nominations and nomination period was closed

Votes were taken by silent ballot in which each veterans' organizations circled the candidate that they would like to vote for. Tammy Anderson and Luz Gilkey tallied the results and presented the winners as follows.

Board members for the 2015 year

President- Jim Cox

Vice President – Donald Anderson

Secretary – Steven Kreitzer

Treasurer – John Davis

Director – Bob Bend

Adjourn

Motion by Frank Beierlotzer to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mike Boorsma with no discussion

Meeting closed at 7:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted - Steven Kreitzer - Secretary



**DEKALB COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2014
STATE OF THE BUDGET**



VA COUNSELING

	Quantity
Office	36
Outstation	12
Phone	61
VA Pension	10
VA Education	11
VA Healthcare	19
VA Compensation	20
VA Other	37

VA AWARDANCE

	Monthly	Retro	Total Amount
This Month	\$7,879.89	\$41,401.66	\$49,281.55
To Date	\$102,103.44	\$840,306.19	\$942,409.63

EXPENDITURES

Direct Assistance to Veteran (Itemized Below)	\$11,664.19
Vehicle Expenses (Itemized Below)	\$408.69
Salaries & Benefits	\$18,647.88
Training & Meetings	\$80.00
Office Expenses	\$977.38
Public Relations	\$0.00
Total	\$31,778.14

DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO VETERAN

	Number Assisted	Amount
Shelter	29	\$9,400.00
Utilities	39	\$1,963.19
Other	0	\$0.00
Drivers Per Diem		\$301.00
Total	68	\$11,664.19

VEHICLE EXPENSES

	Quantity	Amount
Trips	20	
Transported	24	
Miles	3521	
Fuel (gallon)	142.40	
Fuel Cost		\$408.69
Maintenance		\$0.00
Total		\$408.69

SUMMARY

	Percentage of Budget	Amount
2014 BUDGET	100%	\$536,600.00
PREVIOUS EXPENDITURES	-82%	-\$439,278.29
EXPEDITURES	-6%	-\$31,778.14
BALANCE	12%	\$65,543.57

Restricted Fund Balance **\$536,274.00**



DEKALB COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2014
VETERANS ASSISTANCE / TRANSPORTATION



Towns	Shelter		Utilities		Transportation
	Amount	# of Vets	Amount	# of Vets	# of Vets
Cortland	\$ 450.00	1	\$ 61.50	1	1
DeKalb	\$ 5,700.00	17	\$ 1,250.34	22	12
Genoa	\$ -	0	\$ 87.25	2	2
Hinckley	\$ 250.00	1	\$ 80.00	1	0
Kingston	\$ 450.00	1	\$ -	0	0
Kirckland	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	1
Malta	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	2
Sandwich	\$ 700.00	2	\$ 90.53	3	0
Shabbona	\$ 250.00	1	\$ 45.41	1	0
Somonauk	\$ 500.00	2	\$ 65.45	2	1
Sycamore	\$ 1,100.00	4	\$ 282.71	5	5
Total	\$ 9,400.00	29	\$ 1,963.19	37	24



DeKalb County Veterans Organizations

Voting Monday December 8, 2014

Veterans of Foreign Wars		Superintendents Report					
Post #1486 Sandwich	D: Stefan Skopek	Y					
	A: Tod Latham						
Post# 2287 DeKalb	D: Travis Petrie						
	A: Michael J. Henning						
Post #5768 Sycamore	D: Stephen Walz	Y					
	A: Steve Kreitzer						
Post #8387 Genoa	D: Don Anderson	Y					
	A:						
American Legion							
Post #66 DeKalb	D:Randy Smith	Y					
	A:Dan Gallagher						
Post #99 Sycamore	D:Tim Timmer	Y					
	A:Gene Ege						
Post #181 Sandwich	D: George Murphy	Y					
	A: Rick Felstead						
Post #337 Genoa	D: Rich Joslin	Y					
	A: Herb Holderman						
Post #598 Hinckley	D:						
	A:						
Post #654 Waterman	D. Robert Bend	Y					
	A: James Cox						
Post # 772 Somonauk	D:Roger Wiley						
	A:						
Post #1010 Kingston	D: Dan Gallagher						
	A:						
40 et 8 Voiture 207	D: Frank Beierlotzer	Y					
	A: Robert Coulter						
Marine Corps League							
Detachment #847 DeKalb County	D: Donald Jones	Y					
	A: Joe Chavez						
AmVets Post #90 DeKalb	D:Steve Marberry						
	A:Mike Boorsma	Y					